



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Western District of New York

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SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND OTHER PERSONS WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES

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In accordance with Judicial Conference policy, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York will provide reasonable accommodations and services for the hearing impaired and other persons with communications disabilities. When authorized, the Court may provide, at the Court's expense, sign language interpreters and other appropriate auxiliary aids and services to participants in Court Proceedings who are hearing impaired or have other communication disabilities. The Court will give primary consideration to a participant's choice of auxiliary aid or service, unless another equally effective means of communication is available, or that use of the means chosen would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the court proceeding or an undue financial or administrative burden.

"Participants" in court proceedings are generally defined as parties, attorneys and witnesses. "Court Proceedings" include trials, hearings, ceremonies, and other public programs or activities conducted by the Court. Section 341 Meetings are presided over by the United States Trustee and are not considered "Court Proceedings."

Written requests for any services identified above must be submitted to the local Access Coordinator at least three (3) weeks in advance of the Court Proceeding. **Application to Provide Services to the Hearing Impaired or Other Persons with Communication Disabilities** forms are available at the public counter and on our web site [www.nywb.uscourts.gov]. The local Access Coordinator is:

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**APPLICATION TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE HEARING-IMPAIRED
OR OTHER PERSONS WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES**

In re: _____ Case No. _____

In accordance with guidelines of this Court, application is made for Court-provided sign language interpreter and/or other appropriate auxiliary aides as follows:

☐ Sign language interpreter

☐ Other communication/auxiliary aid, as specified:

For the following hearing before Judge _____

Hearing Date/Time/Location _____

Applicant's Role: ☐ Debtor ☐ Defendant ☐ Plaintiff

☐ Witness ☐ Other - specify: _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that I am hearing impaired, deaf, or have other communication disabilities that render me eligible for receipt of these services.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature

This application must be filed with the Access Coordinator in the Clerk's Office at least three weeks before the date of the hearing.

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